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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert S. McNamara
 The Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Scheduling of National Intelligence Estimates
 and National Intelligence Projections for
 Planning

1. The two National Intelligence Estimates (NIEs) about which you wrote me on 2 September (NIE 11-8-67, "Soviet Capabilities for Strategic Attack" and NIE 11-3-67, "Soviet Strategic Air and Missile Defenses") should reach the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) in mid-October and early November, respectively. We will do all possible to keep them on schedule.

2. We cannot come as close to satisfying your expectations with respect to Sections I and II of National Intelligence Projections for Planning-68 (NIPP-68). Since each NIPP section is based on an NIE, it can only be prepared after that NIE is completed.

3. NIPP Section I (NIE 11-8) is scheduled in draft for USIB Representatives on 7 November. You could have a copy of this draft, but it would be uncoordinated. A coordinated copy should be available on 23 November.

4. NIPP Section II (NIE 11-3) is scheduled for the USIB Representatives on 14 November and to USIB on 7 December. Again, you could have an uncoordinated draft on the first date and a coordinated one on the latter date.

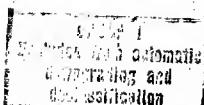
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 Director

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